

Chapter 4

Bringing Sins to Jesus: Confession

In chapter three we talked about repentance. Once you've asked for this, believe that God hears you and then bring your sins to Him. It isn't necessary to pay for your sins by doing some good thing. Without Christ you can't do good things, and even if you could, they wouldn't pay for your sins. When you come to Jesus just tell Him what you did and that you're sorry. That's all.

Sometimes a sin hurts more than God. Sometimes it hurts other people besides yourself. If you find that your actions have hurt someone else, you must make things right with that person. Once Jesus said: "Therefore, if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your gift there in front of the altar. First go and be reconciled to your brother; then come and offer your gift" (Matthew 5:23, 24).

When you need to confess a sin to God, or tell someone you're sorry, be specific and be honest. But if God is the only One you've hurt, then God is the only One you

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Wólta'ii táá' góne' nilínéę biyi'dóó, t'áá aaníi ɬahgo át'éego Diyin God bich'í' tsínízdoookosgo baa hóóne'. Diyin, díí shaa nílé bidíínníiidgo, yinídląą doo áko nibąąhági át'éii baa díílééł. Yisdá'iildééh éí yá'át'éehgo baa nanináhígíí doo bee bik'é na'níléé da doo. Jó Christ t'áá géedgogo yá'ádaat'éhígíí doo bínníl'áą da; áádóó bínníl'áą ládáá' yá'át'éehii baa nanináhígíí doo bee ná bik'é na'ílyée da. Jesus baa nínáahgo díí doo ákóne' áshłaa t'éí bididíínił. T'áá éí t'éiyá.

Doo ákóne'é ínidzaagóogo náánála' diné bídéet'i'góogo, éí bił k'é ná'ahididíí'niił. Hádáá' shíí Jesus ání: "Éí bąą bikáá' náá'iiniihí bikáá'dóó náá'ayílniihgo, nít'éé' nik'is bíni' yinił'a' yéę béénílnii'go, t'áá ákwii nááhidíílnihígíí bikáá' náá'iiniihí bíighahgi nidíílééł, áádóó nik'is áłtsé bich'í' nídíidáałgo bił k'é ná'ahididíí'niił, áko índa nídíidáałgo náádi'yílnih" (Matthew 5:23-24).

Doo yá'át'éehii ínidzaago áko Diyin God éí doodago bił kééhót'iini ts'ídá t'áá aaníigóó bee bich'í' áadaa hodíílnih. Diyin God t'éí bídéet'i'go áko Diyin God t'éí bił k'é

should confess to. Make things right with whoever has been wronged by your actions.

In the beginning God tested the first man and first woman by asking them not to eat the fruit growing on a certain tree: God said, "You must not eat fruit from the tree that is in the middle of the garden" (Genesis 3:3). God was our first parents' Maker and had a right to tell them what to do, but He wanted them to trust Him and accept His authority from their hearts. The test He gave was not hard, but it was important.

Both the man and the woman ate what God had told them not to, and by doing this they sinned. When God asked what they had done: "The man said, 'The woman you put here with me – she gave me some fruit from the tree, and I ate it.' Then the Lord God said to the woman, 'What is this you have done?' The woman said, 'The serpent deceived me, and I ate'" (Genesis 3:12-13).

Notice that both admitted their sin, but only because they couldn't get out of it. And along with their confession

ná'ahididíí'niił. Bíni' bídéet'i'ii t'éiyá bee bił hólne'go nijéí ąą
ánílééh.

Hodeeyáádáá' Diyin God éí Áłtsé Hastiin dóó Áłtsé Asdzáá hwe'oodla' neiłkaah doo biniyé áyidííniid: "[T]sin bineest'ą' hólóni dák'eh ałníi'gi sikaadígíí . . . Éí doo bąąhdóó adoohsííł da" (Genesis 3:3). Diyin God áhoolaago áko éí biniinaa shik'eh honołíí hodííniid. Ákót'ego yididooniiłgo haz'ąą lá, nidi hajéí bii' sha'ólíí doo ałdó' náániidzíí'. Hwe'oodla' bee bééhózin dooleekii doo há nantł'ah da nít'ee', nidi aláahdi át'ee lá.

Hastiin dóó be'asdzáá t'áá áłah tsinéęę bąąh ajíiyáą'go ajisiih. Áko Diyin God hastiinéęę áyidííniid: "Da' tsin doo bąąhdóó adíiyííł da, nidishní yéęésh bąąhdóó ííníyáą'? Áko diné ázhdiíniid, Asdzání shéíníltíigo bił naash'aashígíí éí sha'níltsoodgo yíyáą'. Áádóó Bóhólníihii Diyin God éí asdzání áyidííniid, Díísha' ha'át'íí baa nisíníyá? Áko asdzání ázhdiíniid, Tłiish shina'azlo'go bíniik'ehgo yíyáą' " (Genesis 3:11-13).

Hastiin dóó asdzání t'áá áłah, Aoo', tsin bąąhdóó yíyáą', yee ádaa hoolne' – doo íidzaa didooniiłęę doo bíighah da biniinaa. Áko azhá ákwíishłaa nii nidi, doo t'áá iiyisí shí

they both brought an excuse. You gave me this woman, it's Your fault that I listened to her. The man didn't say it this way, but this is what his words meant. Why did You make this serpent? If You hadn't done that, I never would have sinned. This is the intent of what the woman was saying. But saying such things is not real confession and in one sense it's not confession at all. Whenever you come to God, don't make excuses. Just tell Him the truth.

An excuse is a way of saying that your sin wasn't so bad after all. If it wasn't so bad, then why confess it? But if you don't confess, your sin remains. So how is that going to help you?

Actually Jesus is much better than an excuse. He can help you get rid of sin so that it's really gone. Be honest with yourself. If you've sinned, confess your sin to God and it really will be gone. Do you think that after giving His Son to die for you He would send you away? Not at all! "All that the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never drive away" (John 6:37).

"A brokenhearted person, humbled by true repentance, will see how much God loves him. He will

da, níigo ání. Asdzání sheíniltinéé yínísts'áq'go biniinaa asésiih, ní hastiin. Ni éí t'liish iinilaa. Doo iinilaagóó sha'shin shí doo asésiih da doo nít'éé', ní asdzání. Bijéí bii' t'áá iiyisí ááhyiñinéé éí kóníigo ání. Diné ɬa' shí doo iiyisí asésiih da jiníigo, habqahági át'éii doo ts'ídá bee áadaa náhojilne' da. Doo t'áá ádzaagóó hojilne' da, nidi t'áá aaníí ájiidzaaígíí Diyin God bee bił hozhdoonliih.

Ni éí, Doo asésiih da diníigo, doo iiyisí bąqahági ásdzaa da óolyé. Ínidzaaígíí doo bee nik'ihót'ahí da, áko ha'át'éegoshá' Diyin bee bich'í' áadaa hodíílnih? Nidi doo bee áadaa hodíílnihgóogo nibqahági át'éii t'ahdii hólq. Dííshá' haash yit'éego ná yá'át'éeh?

Hayooch'iidgo bee áadaa hojilne'ígíí éí doo há ílįį da. Jesus t'éí ílį. Bąqahági iinidzaago, Diyin God bee bich'í' áadaa hwíínlne'go índa nibqahági át'éii yęę ts'ídá ádin dooleeł. Nibqahági át'éii t'áadoo baa nichíí. ATaa' éí biYe' Jesus ná ninéidiní'áqgoósh nahjí' kónidoolíí? Dooda láq! "Shaa-zhníyáhígíí éí t'áá iiyisí doo nówehjí' hodideeshniíł da" (John 6:37).

"T'áá háiida a'ohgo áadaa nitsídzíkeesígíí, t'áá aaníí ɬahgo át'éego Diyin God bich'í' tsínízdeezkéezgo, Diyin bibee

understand the cost of Calvary. The sinner who is really sorry will confess. He will come to God as freely as a son comes to a loving father. John wrote, 'If we confess our sins to God, he will keep his promise and do what is right: he will forgive us our sins and purify us from all our wrongdoing' (1 John 1:9)" (*Steps to Jesus*, p. 38).

ayóó'ó'ó'ni' dóó Calvary hoolyéedi áhóót'iidígíí hoł nilíjí doo. Áadóó aye' jílínígíí éí hazhé'é ayóó'áhó'nínígíí, asésiih yiłníi ḥeh nahalingo, t'áá ákót'éego habąąhágí át'éii t'áá ałtso Diyin God bee bich'í' ádaa hozhdoolnih. Ákohgo Diyin Bizaad ánínígi át'éego, 'Bąąhágí ádeiit'ínígíí bee ádaa dahwiilne'go, hó ha'ahódlíii índa ts'ídá t'áá ákogi ááníłii jílígígo nihibąąhágí ádaat'éii ałtso nihá yóó'azhdidoo'áál, áadóó doo t'áá ákogi ádeiit'iidii ałtso nihąąh táázhdoogis ' (1 John 1:9)" (*Steps to Jesus*, p. 38).